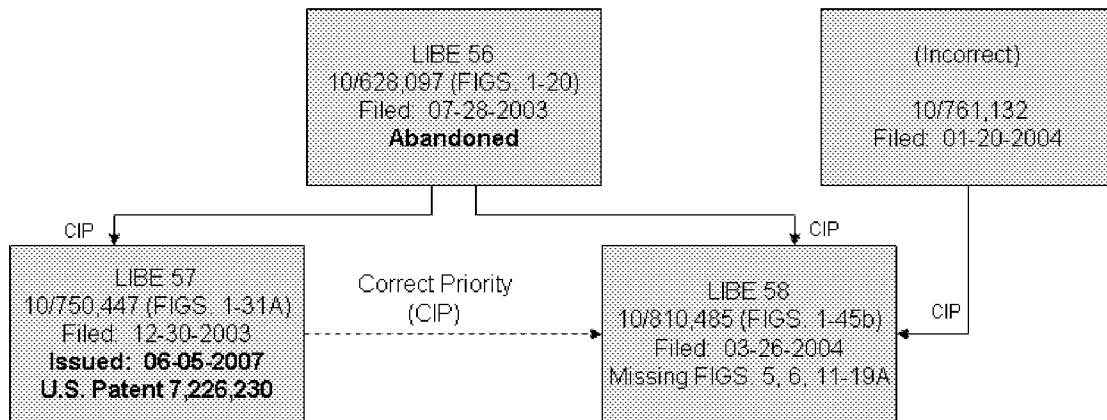


REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on July 5, 2007. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 23, 26, 27, 29 and 32-39 are pending.

Priority Claim and Drawing Corrections

Applicant has amended the priority claim to correct an obvious error. The original filing included a priority claim to U.S. Serial No. 10/761,132, which is entitled “Retention of Weighting on an Athletic Striker.” The ‘132 application is related to the Applicant only by inventorship, but not by subject matter. Instead, the current application should have claimed priority as a CIP from U.S. Serial No. 10/750,447, filed December 30, 2003, now U.S. Patent 7,226,230. The ‘447 application also claimed priority as a CIP from 10/628,097, just like with the present application.



The present application includes a description of FIGS. 1-45b. The description of FIGS. 1-20 in the present application is the same as the description of FIGS. 1-20 in the ‘097 application and the ‘447 application. Furthermore, the description of FIGS. 21-31A in the present application is the same as the description of FIGS. 21-31A in the ‘447 application, which is further supported by the same FIGS. 21-31A in the present case and the ‘447 application. Accordingly, the subject matter of each of the ‘097 and ‘447 applications is included in the present application. This is particularly relevant with respect to missing FIGS. 5, 6, and 11-19A,

which are described in the present application in the same manner as the '097 and '447 applications, and are identical to FIGS. 5, 6 and 11-19A of the '097 and '447 applications. Accordingly, the present application should be properly identified as a CIP of both the '097 and '447 application as illustrated above.

Applicant is also including a complete replacement set of drawings, including originally-omitted FIGS. 5, 6, and 11-19A, which should be entered in the present application based on the originally-filed specification that describes such drawings in a manner that is identical to that of the '097 and '447 applications. Accordingly, the entry of FIGS. 5, 6, and 11-19A should not constitute new matter. Such replacement drawings include changes that were made in the '447 application as follows:

FIG. 1: 21 was added

FIG. 2: 21 was added; stray leader lines removed

FIG. 4: 17 was changed to 22

FIG. 6: The left-most 32 was removed and the nozzle fitting was threaded

FIG. 8: 34 was changed to 87

FIG. 19: 112a was changed to 102; 110a' was changed to 110b

FIG. 19A: 110a' was changed to 110b

FIG. 20: 17 was changed to 17a

FIG. 22A: P (+ down arrow) was added, 313 was added

FIG. 22B: P (+ down arrow) was added

FIG. 23: 415 was added and the entire figure was bracketed

FIG. 24: F was added

FIG. 25: Entire figure was bracketed

FIG. 28a: 807 was added

FIG. 30: 1004 was added

Applicant has also amended the specification to create consistency between the specification and the replacement drawings set forth herein.

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Election

Applicant hereby elects Species I, which is believed to include FIGS. 1-6, 13, 14 and 20, based on the species restriction set forth in the Office Action dated December 6, 2005, in the '447 application. Applicant has also amended the claims to focus on such elected Species.

Information Disclosure Statement

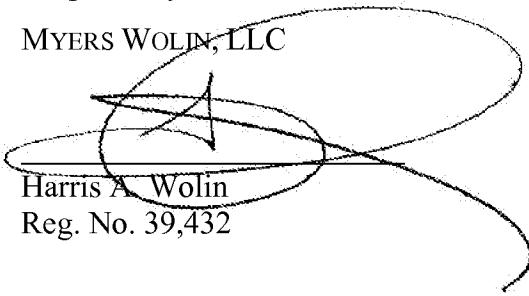
Applicant is filing herewith an information disclosure statement for the review and consideration of the Examiner. Such references were made of record and considered by the Examiner in the '447 application.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Any fee due with this paper, not already paid through an EFS-Web filing, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3894. Any overpayment may be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-3894.

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